

Amendments to Specification

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An unspun yarn including a longitudinal main rope body formed from a least one fibre assembly of substantially untwisted and parallel fibres, and a least one reinforcing thread helically wound around the rope body and extending therealong in a single longitudinal direction. The direction in which the reinforcing thread is wound around the rope is reversed at predetermined intervals. A method of forming an unspun yarn, including providing a fibre assembly of substantially untwisted and parallel fibres and reinforcing thread, forming a longitudinal main rope body; intermittently imparting opposing twists to alternate sections of the rope body while drawing the reinforcing thread longitudinally into surface contact with a twisted section of the rope body, allowing the twisted section to engage the adjacent section of the reinforcing thread, releasing the opposing twists of the rope body causing the engaged reinforcing thread to wrap the rope body.

Amendments to Specification (cont.)

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 27 (which continues onto page 4), with the following rewritten paragraph:

The fibres used in the fibre assembly may all be of one single type. Alternately, a combination of fibres having different characteristics may be employed. For example, the fibres may vary in their colours, strengths, textures or origin. In a similar manner, where ~~were~~ more than one fibre assembly is used to form the main rope body, the fibre assemblies may have different characteristics.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of forming an unspun yarn comprising the steps of providing at least one continuous or of substantially continuous fibre assembly of substantially untwisted and parallel fibres, providing at least one continuous or substantially continuous source of a reinforcing thread, forming the or each said fibre assembly into a longitudinal main rope body; intermittently imparting opposing twists to alternate sections of the main rope body whilst drawing a first reinforcing thread longitudinally into surface contact with a twisted section of the main rope, allowing the twisted section of the main rope body to engage the adjacent section of the first reinforcing thread, releasing the opposing twists in the twisted section of the rope body causing the engaged first reinforcing thread to wrap around the section of the main rope body.